

REMARKS AND ELECTION

Claims 1-22 and 60-77 are pending. Claims 23-59 are canceled. Claims 1, 12, 16, 18 and 22 have been amended for reasons unrelated to the patentability of the claims. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application addressed to any non-elected embodiment.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention of Group II (claims 1-22 and 60-77) as identified by the Examiner in the Office Action dated August 28, 2006.

Further, Applicants elect species 23, as identified by the Examiner, as corresponding to Figs. 27-32 of the application. Claims 1-8, 12, 18 and 22 read on elected species 23.

It will be understood that this election is made without prejudice to the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing or divisional applications directed to the non-elected inventions, claims, species, or other subject matter.


CONCLUSION

Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned counsel if allowance of the claims can be facilitated by Examiner's Amendment, telephone interview, or otherwise.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

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